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In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 29, 2005, enclosed are a completed issue fee transmittal form PTOL-85b and a check for \$1730 for the required issue fee and publication fee, including patent copies. Also enclosed are an Amendment After Allowance Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 and Comments on the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The courtesy of the Examiner in conducting a diligent search and setting forth reasons for allowance is acknowledged with appreciation. Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. Further, Applicant submits that the Examiner's statement that "Tomihata discloses a cross-linked HA film containing amide and ester bonds" is incorrect as explained in the record.

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